

**Table 1 Characteristics of Kurdistan province, 2014 (30)**

<b>Variable</b>	<b>Number</b>
Population	1524000 (approximately 2% of Iranian population)
Number of cities	10
Number of hospitals affiliated to MoHME	12
Number of hospitals not affiliated to MoHME	3 (2 hospitals affiliated to SSO and one to private sector)